



Atty. Docket No. USB98ASIDM

PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Patrick MIDOUX

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GROUP 1635

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NEW OLIGOMERIC CONJUGATES
LIABLE TO TRANSFER BIOLOGICAL
MOLECULES INTO CELLS

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 24,
2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (amended) Oligomeric conjugate positively charged,
containing an oligomer with a polymerization degree (PD) from 5
to 30, formed from monomeric components having free NH_3^+ in a
number equal to or higher than 50 % of the polymerization degree,
said oligomer being as follows:

- the free NH_3^+ of the above-mentioned components are
substituted in a ratio of at least 50 %, advantageously from 60 %
to 95 %, particularly 80 to 90 % (this ratio being determined by
nuclear magnetic resonance), by protonable residues in a weak